

The O. & C. steamer *Belgica*, with the American mail of the 2nd inst., arrived here yesterday afternoon. The following telegrams are taken from our San Francisco files:—

NEW AMERICAN POSTAGE STAMPS.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The Postoffice Department officials are having prepared a series of new designs of embossed stamps for stamped envelopes, of 1, 2, 4 and 6-cent denominations. The band of Franklin has been chosen as the design for the one-cent stamp at Washington, Jackson and Grant for the 2, 4 and 6-cent denominations respectively. The general design of the new series is uniform. On the upper margin of each stamp is the word "United States postage," instead of "U. S. postage," as on the stamp now in use. This new series will be ready for issue about May 1st. The border of the stamps will be changed, and the type slightly modified to conform to the design of the 2-cent stamp.

AMERICAN CAPITALISTS TRYING TO BUY UP ALL THE CANADIAN MINES.

NEW YORK, March 28.—*The Tribune's* Halifax special says:—"The efforts made by an American syndicate to purchase controlling interest in all the Canadian iron mines have driven the Canadian capitalists to re-organize the Dominion Iron and Steel association of Canada. This association is composed of representatives of the Chamberlain, Colchester and Pictou and Cape Breton mines, representing capital of \$350,000,000." Captain J. H. Macdonald, president of the Canadian Pyrite, wants to export Canadian ore to the United States for the manufacturers there. They have already spent \$25,500,000 in developing the mines of Quebec. The American capitalists are so anxious to get permission to increase their duties so as to enable smeltering works to be established in the Cape Breton and Pictou coal districts. They say that unless this is done the Americans will swallow up the business of the whole of Canada's vast mineral deposits."

VIOLENT ATTACK ON THE NICKEL WORKS OF CANADA.

CHICAGO, 27th March.—*The Times' Ottawa (Ont.)* special says:—"The attitude of a portion of the Canadian press towards Lord Landsdowne, and the defamatory cables that he daily being receiving from his friends in England, are creating much excitement here. His Excellency is seldom if ever now seen on the streets of the capital, and whether in view of his bodily weakness or indignation at the treatment which he receives from the Government-house has certainly been the life of a resolute for several months past, with the exception of ordinary entertainments which throughout the country are given in honor of him. The walls of the capital within the walls of Rideau Hall. An article has just appeared in a leading Irish Catholic organ of the Dominion, the Montreal Post, in which Lord Lansdowne is the subject

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guardianship of Colonel Grenville and one other person.

This is the first time it is said, that the home government to the throne has been sent off on a foreign duty. The young man has obviously been put through a severe course of discipline. He has been lectured by his grandmother, the Queen, the young Prince is regarded simply as a source case of calf love. Lady Churchill is blamed by no one, beyond the point that she should have perhaps sent him to a public exhibition of his sentiment. She evidently was restrained by her regard for his father and mother.

The proof that there is not the slightest blame to attach to the Queen is shown in the very generous reception given to her by the Queen at the last drawing-room, and by the very marked attentions which have been paid to her by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Everyone blames Lord Churchill for his absent jealousy, and charges his departure to the Continent to excessive vanity and irritability. It is not known whether he has been or is to be discovered that he has been quarantined in a small place in Italy for the last month, owing to his passing through an infected rural district in Italy.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JEWELLED GOWN.
LONDON, 1st April.

The Queen arrived at Cannes to-day. Her Majesty drove from the railway station to the villa in an open carriage, and was met by the Prince and Princess of Wales. She was escorted by a guard of honour, a force of mounted gendarmes and the Cannes Rifle Brigade. Homes along the route were decorated with flags. The people were very numerous, and the general feeling was one of joy.

Her Majesty, The Queen, The French Mediterranean squadron, which had been ordered to Cannes, saluted the Queen on her arrival.

THE INTER-UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.
LONDON, 26th March.

Cambridge was the winner in the great university race on the Thames to-day. The winning boat, the "Maid of Honour," was half length behind. The Cambridges crew was in better form, and won with comparative ease, although Oxford had the advantage of choice of the banks of the Thames this afternoon to witness the contest, which was decided in a fraction over twenty minutes.

The two groups of about a dozen men were standing in a line, facing each other. The men were dressed in civilian clothes, but some were wearing hats. The men were looking at each other with expressions of concern and uncertainty. The men were standing in a line, facing each other. The men were dressed in civilian clothes, but some were wearing hats. The men were looking at each other with expressions of concern and uncertainty.

NOTICES.

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SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, none of the Company's Boatsmen should be at hand, orders for repairs if sent to the Harbour Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

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